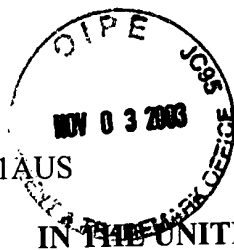


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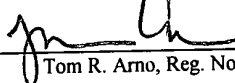
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 29, 2003, Applicant respectfully submits the following amendments and remarks in connection with the above-captioned application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

No amendments to the Specification and Drawings have been made.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.